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1. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
2. EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Frances Erden
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 26 to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A fishing sinker comprising:

an elongated body having a line connection end and a free end and having a buoyant section and a weighted section, said weighted section constructed of a weighted material having a density greater than that of water and being positioned closer to said free end than said buoyant section, and

a noise generating element non-detachably connected with said weighted section at said free end by a non-detachable connection between said noise generating element and said weighted section so that said weighted section is between said buoyant section and said noise

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generating element, said noise generating element comprising a closed hollow member and a fixed number of noise generating objects moveable freely within said hollow member.

26. (Amended) A fishing sinker of unitary construction comprising:
an elongated body having a line connection end and a free end, said body having a weighted section constructed at least in part of a solid weighted material having a density greater than that of water and being sufficiently weighted to cause the fishing sinker to sink in water, and
a noise generating element non-detachably connected with said elongated body at said free end by a non-detachable connection so that the entirety of said weighted section is between said noise generating element and said line connection end and said noise generating element is not removable from said elongated body, said noise generating element comprising a hollow member and a fixed number of noise generating objects moveable freely within said hollow member.

Add the following new claims 30-35 to read as follows:

30. (New) The fishing sinker of claim 1 having a unitary construction.
31. (New) The fishing sinker of claim 1 wherein said line connection end includes a line connection eyelet.
32. (New) The fishing sinker of claim 1 wherein said weighted section is sufficiently weighted to cause the fishing sinker to sink in water.
33. (New) The fishing sinker of claim 1 wherein said fixed number of noise generating objects is not adjustable.
34. (New) The fishing sinker of claim 26 wherein said line connection end includes a line connection eyelet.

35. (New) The fishing sinker of claim 26 wherein said fixed number of noise generating objects is not adjustable.

Cancel claims 6, 13, 15-19, 21, 24.